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1. LEE (CANADA) EXPRESSED HOPE TO USDEL THAT
NEITHER IT NOR WASHINGTON BELIEVES CANADIAN INITIATIVE
RESULTING IN THE NOW DISCARDED FIVE POWER DRAFT WAS ILL
INTENTIONED. LEE RECALLED THAT AT SESSION OF CASTANEDA
NEGOTIATING GROUP OF JUNE 14, CASTANEDA HAD ASKED
CANADIAN DEL TO DEVELOP ITS IDEA OF A SINGLE SECTION OF
CHARTER BRINGING TOGETHER ARTICLES ON PERMANENT
SOVEREIGNTY, FOREIGN INVESTMENT, MNCS, NATIONALIZATION
AND RESPECT FOR INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS. SINCE
CANADIAN DEL FELT NEED OF INDICATION OF HOW FAR LDCS
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COULD GO, IT ASKED FOR CONSULTATIONS, WHICH LED TO MEETING OF

JUNE 16. CANADIAN DEL HAD NO EXPECTATION THAT THAT MEETING WOULD PRODUCE A DRAFT. AND, IN JOINING IN ITS PRODUCTION, CANADIAN DEL HAD NO THOUGHT OF UNDERCUTTING USG PROPOSAL OF MNCS TO BE INTRODUCED NEXT MORNING, NOR OF GENERALLY PREJUDICING POSITIONS OF GROUP B.

2. LEE SAID HE NOW RECOGNIZED THAT SCHWEBEL'S CHARACTERIZATION OF CANADIAN DEL'S ACTION AS "UNHELPFUL" WAS VALID AND FAIR, FROM VIEWPOINT OF USDEL. AT ANY RATE, IT WAS NOT MEANT TO BE UNHELPFUL.

3. LEE STATED THAT CANADA APPROACHED THIS SESSION WITH A WILLINGNESS TO MAKE SUBSTANTIAL COMPROMISES, FOR TWO REASONS. FIRST, INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS WERE AT PEAK OF THEIR INFLUENCE HERE. IN UNGA, THEIR POSITION WOULD BE WEAKER. THUS IT IS BETTER TO NEGOTIATE A COMPROMISE IN MEXICO -- EVEN WITH THE RESULT OF COMPROMISING SOME REAL WESTERN INTERESTS--THAN TO REMIT A DISAGREED CHARTER TO UNGA. IN VIEW OF THE RECENT RECORD, HE HAD NO FAITH THAT WEST WOULD MANIFEST THE COURAGE OF ITS CONVICTIONS BY VOTING NEGATIVELY IN UNGA UPON AN OBJECTIONABLE CHARTER. AT MOST, USG AND FRG MIGHT. SECOND, IN LONGER RANGE, WEST WOULD HAVE TO MAKE LARGE CONCESSIONS TO LDCS IN ORDER TO NARROW THE DEVELOPMENT GAP AND AVERT WORLD ECONOMIC CRISIS. WHY NOT SHOW THE WAY IN UNCTAD CHARTER?

4. LEE MAINTAINED THAT, IN HIS CONSIDERED VIEW, FIVE POWER DRAFT REPRESENTED A REASONABLE COMPROMISE IN THIS VEIN. WHILE, IN RESPONSE TO THE VIEWS OF COLLEAGUES IN GROUP B, HE WAS TELLING LDCS THAT CANADA HAD NOT ACCEPTED IT, ACTUALLY CANADA COULD, AND STILL THINKS GROUP B SHOULD. SCHWEBEL, EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR LEE'S REMARKS AND HIS INITIATIVE IN MAKING THEM, SAID THAT WASHINGTON AND USDEL CONTINUE TO SEE FIVE POWER DRAFT AS NO COMPROMISE AT ALL.

5. LEE CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT THE MAINTENANCE OF FINE RELATIONS BETWEEN CANADA AND USG IS FAR MORE IMPORTANT TO CANADA THAN IS THE UNCTAD CHARTER. HE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WOULD BE WORRIED TO THINK THAT SUCH RELATIONS, OR PERSONAL RELATIONS WITH MEMBERS OF USDEL, POSSIBLY MIGHT SUFFER FROM CANADIAN INITIATIVE. SCHWEBEL ASSURED HIM THAT THIS WAS NOT THE CASE; THAT WE UNDERSTOOD CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH FIVE POWER DRAFT PRODUCED EVEN IF WE DEPLORED RESULTS AND THAT WE TOO CHERISH CANADIAN-U.S. RELATIONS; AND THAT PERSONAL RELATIONS, ALWAYS VERY GOOD, WOULD BE IF POSSIBLE BETTER AS RESULT OF LEE'S APPROACH.

6. MIYAKE (JAPAN) REPORTED TO GROUP B MEETING THAT CHADDA (INDIA) OVERHEARD TO STATE THAT GROUP OF 77 SHOULD MAKE NO SUBSTANTIAL CONCESSIONS AND SEEK TO HAVE AS MANY CONTROVERSIAL PROVISIONS AS POSSIBLE REMAIN DISAGREED IN MEXICO, WITH A VIEW TO PUTTING THEM TO UNGA FOR RESOLUTION IN LDC FAVOR. CHADDA INDICATED THAT LDCS WERE OUTGUNNED IN MEXICO; SITUATION WOULD BE OTHERWISE IN NEW YORK.
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